GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:196
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2006
PENDING CASES IN CEGAT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the nwnber of cases pending in Custom, Excise and Gold (Control) Tribunal as on January 31, 2006 and the amount of revenue locked up therein;

(b) number of cases pending for two years out of them; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of the said cases and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS a b OF LOK SABHA STARRED UESTION NO. 196 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 3.03.06

(a): The total number of cases pending in the CEGAT, renamed in 2003 as Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) is 33269 as on 31.1.2006. According to infonnation provided by CBEC, the amount of revenue locked-up in the cases, which were pending as on 31.12.2005, is Rs.12,797.65 crores.

(b): Out of 33269 cases pending as on 31.01.2006, 10529 cases are pending for two years.

(c)

i) Directions have been issued to all concerned to scrupulously follow Section 35C of Central Excise Act, 1944 and Section 129B of Customs Act, 1962.
ii) The procedure of weekly Roster has now been replaced with two months Roster.
iii) The Cause list of :final hearing matters is now prepared subject- wise in respect of 50 cases in chronological order.
iv) These measures have resulted in improvement in disposal of cases.